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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0191

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CHINESE INTEREST IN PNG COPPER

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1. FONMIN KIKI HAS ASKED BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LTD. (BCL) FOR TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF MINE OUTPUT TO SEND TO PEKING AS CHINA EVINCED A SERIOUS INTEREST IN OBTAINING PNG COPPER. THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM DON VDANON, GENERAL MANAGER OF BCL ON FEB. 27.

2. BCL IS GLAD TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION, BERNON SAID, BUT WILL NOT HAVE MUCH COPPER CONCENTRATE TO SELL BECAUSE OF LONG TERM COMMITMENTS IN JAPAN, GERMANY, AND SPAIN. JAPAN ASKED BCL TO CUT BACK ITS SHIPMENT BY 15 PERCENT IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, UT HAS NOT ASKED THAT THE CUTBACK BE EXTENDED. THEREFORE BCL DOES NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO SUPPLY CHINA UNLESS OUTPUT IS EXPANDED.
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3. I ASKED WHETHER THEIR REDUCTION WOULD MAKE GPNG MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH KENNICOTT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OK TEDDI COPPER DEPOSITS. VERNON SAID THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, BUT ANOTHER OPTION WAS THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUGAINVILL OPERATION.

4. VERNON SAID THE POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT CRA (THE PARENT COMPANY) WOULD SHARPLY EXPAND ITS INVESTMENT BOUGAINVILL, BUT PERHAPS GPNG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING SO.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMS MOST UNLIKELY THAT MUCH PNG COPPER CONCENTRATE WILL GO TO CHINA IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, BUT IF THE CINESE ARE LOOKING AT THE LONG TERM, THERE IS THE REAL POSSIBILITY THAT AN IMPORTANT TRADE LINK WILL BE ESTABLISHED.
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